

**CALL PATH REDUCTION VIA CORRELATION OF CALL LEGS IN A
HAIRPIN LOOP SCENARIO****ABSTRACT**

5 A variety of methods and systems can be used to avoid a hairpin loop
scenario. For example, in a system involving a redirecting switch and a service
platform switch, correlation between calling party identities for outgoing and
incoming call legs can be done to identify a potential hairpin loop scenario. Upon
10 detection of such a scenario, appropriate call legs can be released while routing the
call to its destination. Correlation information can be collected from available call
setup signaling parameters. The methods and systems can be applied, for example,
to systems involving directory assistance call completion, voice-activated dialing,
voicemail callback, and prepaid services.

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